

SIERRA MADRE

Population, 4,500; elevation, 800 to 1,400 feet; water meters, 1,500; gas meters, 1,350; electric meters, 1,500; assessed valuation, \$3,500,000.00. Schools unexcelled. Climate recommended by health authorities.

SIERRA MADRE NEWS

High on the Foothills of Mt. Wilson; Site of Sierra Madre Arboretum

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The Wistaria Town, namesake of the "Mother Mountains" that brood above her; beautiful for fragrant orchards, wide vistas and sheltering oaks; satisfying for city comforts, country quietness and friendly, welcoming hands.

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First Effort to Improve Central Avenue Made Twenty Years Ago

Survey Now Being Made to Extend and Improve Avenue Comes As Result of Twenty Years' Promotion

Previous Obstacles Overcome Thru Final Passage of Mattoon Act; History of Project Found in News Files

With official action under way for the opening and improvement of the Central Avenue outlet to the west, some of the earlier efforts toward that result are brought to mind. The first big effort, so far as known, was made in 1908. And seldom has there been a new year or a new administration of the chamber of commerce or board of trade since then when another effort was not made.

In 1908 Los Angeles county had under consideration the first big bond issue for a county-wide highway improvement program. The public was asked to vote \$3,500,000 for a system of tamped oil pavement. Sierra Madre tried to interest the county highway commission in giving Sierra Madre a connection with the system by way of Huntington Drive to the west end of Central.

On the first day the present editor of the News was in business in Sierra Madre he was asked to join the Sierra Madre delegation for a visit to the county highway commission in Los Angeles. The delegation was headed by L. C. Torrance and included Mayor C. W. Jones, Albert S. Mead, Secretary M. H. Bridge and President J. W. Keys of the board of trade, N. H. Hosmer, C. S. Kersting, W. S. Andrews and Albert S. Riffle. They were received by Commissioners Marsh, Daggett and Bixby who promised to come out to Sierra Madre and go over the ground.

Two days later the highway commission came to Sierra Madre in an automobile. The local delegation, in one more automobile and several buggies, went with them out along Central Avenue and across the Hastings vineyard. At the edge of the bluff the visitors could see the lay of the land and were shown what a logical thing it would be to carry one of the main east and west highways into Sierra Madre. The plea was given a sympathetic hearing by the commissioners who promised some kind of a connection with the Foothill Boulevard running east from Pasadena, along White Oak Avenue. (This promise was eventually made good to the extent of a short stub from White Oak to Live Oak along Sierra Madre Avenue.)

In the course of the discussions with the highway commissioners the latter raised the question of a right of way across the Hastings ranch, and this has been a crucial point in every effort, then and since, to get the Central Avenue connection.

With the memory of the efforts to get the right of way for the Pacific Electric railway across the ranch, it was evident to the old timers that it would not be an easy task to meet the owner's conditions in connection with a public road. In those days all poles along the Pacific Electric system were painted white. It was a sort of trademark of the railway.

Mr. Hastings would grant the railway right of way only on condition that the poles be painted green so as to make them less obtrusive on his property. All such modern nuisances as telephones and electric lights were tabu on the ranch, and nothing that meant more traffic and encroachment by the public was desired. Even the effort to get a telephone across the ranch to the Sierra Madre Villa section was effectually blocked. Mr. Hastings insisted he wanted the ranch kept free from the annoyances of city life, a place of quiet retreat, although he made his home at the ranch house. Negotiations with him resulted in nothing but talk and the matter was settled by the highway commission taking the easy way to give a connection by way of the Sierra Madre Avenue stub.

The project was never given up.

Purchase Bakery On North Baldwin

Mrs. Bettie Card has purchased the Richards Bakery from Mrs. Mrs. Amelia Jensen, who has conducted it the last few months. Mrs. Card is a new arrival in Sierra Madre and promises to purvey bakery goods of the same high quality which has made the little shop on North Baldwin Avenue popular.

"Wet roads cause many auto crashes."—Headline. Also wet goods.—Virginian Pilot.

Each succeeding president of the board of trade—Messrs. Keys, Mead, Welsher, Tarr, Hawks, Sadler, Mitchell, Topping, Humphries and the others—if any—invariably appointed a committee to work on the Central Avenue project. Each committee began by conferring with Mr. Hastings, or with his attorney if Mr. Hastings happened to be in Europe. Each group met with a courteous reception and reported excellent prospects for bringing the new road to pass. But when it came to agreeing upon details there was always some sticking point which brought negotiations to a deadlock. Since the land where the new right of way was needed lay outside of Sierra Madre there was no legal authority for the city to take the initiative and force the issue. And there was no feasible method by which the county could put the road through and assess part of the costs to the city of Sierra Madre which was willing to help pay because of the large benefits to be derived.

Until the passage of the Mattoon Act, the negotiations were many but fruitless. When that law went into effect it was thought quick action could be secured. But an improvement act so revolutionary in method and so far-reaching in effect was bound to have defects so that test cases had to be followed by amendments at the next legislature and more test cases. The experimental stage has now been passed in Mattoon Act proceedings. Many projects are under way and Mattoon Act bonds are actually being marketed, which is the final test of its workability.

The present effort to put Central Avenue through to Pasadena under the Mattoon Act began when J. M. Campbell was secretary of the chamber of commerce. Hardly had the first steps been taken when the Glendale and Pasadena promoters of the Washington Street project came along and asked to have the local project linked with theirs. This was done but the Washington Street project had to be abandoned. However, the effort that had been made was not lost for Central Avenue was definitely before the county highway department and the county counsel's office. Upon retiring from the secretaryship of the chamber, Mr. Campbell announced his intention to devote himself to the project, which he has done unceasingly. He has attended countless meetings and conferences in getting the officials of the county and neighboring cities lined up for the project.

As it now stands, the city of Sierra Madre has been granted jurisdiction to handle the proceedings by the county and by the cities of Pasadena and Arcadia, all of which are concerned because the improvement will reach the territory of all of them. The board of supervisors appropriated \$10,000 to be used for the preliminary expenses. A board of engineers representing the various cities will work out details as to width of right of way, character of improvement to be installed, and extent of the assessment district. While the project is too large to expect very quick action, there now appears to be no reason why it cannot be carried to a successful conclusion.

SAN FERNANDO TO BE GIVEN PROGRAM BY LOCAL ARTISTS

Artists who so delighted the disabled veterans at the home at Sawtelle will present a similar program before the nurses and buddies at the San Fernando hospital Saturday night, it was learned today from Mrs. Blanche Muskrath, of the Auxiliary.

Mrs. Muskrath, who is in charge of the committee for the program, announces that she has secured the Arboretum Quartet, composed of Dave and Jack Buchan, Joe R. Eastwood and James C. Heasley, Mr. and Mrs. James N. Hawks, who with Dave Buchan presented a clever skit before the men at Sawtelle, several pupils from the Payne Dancing School and a number of other artists. A complete program will be announced Friday, it is said.

The program will be given in the large auditorium, which will hold several hundred people, and it is expected that most of the men and women who are able to be about will attend the affair. The Auxiliary has taken a particular interest in the hospital at San Fernando, having made wreaths for the windows at Christmas time, and having paid numerous visits with jellies and fruits.

Wistaria Fete Plans Made By Local Club

Details of Annual Event Are Announced by Club Women

Exact Date to Be Determined Later by Committee in Charge

The Wistaria Fete season is again approaching, and the Woman's Club will have charge of the affair this year, according to announcement made by Mrs. Fletcher White, president of the club. The date cannot be decided until there is some indication of the time when the blossoms will be at their loveliest, but the annual event has usually been in March.

For the past twelve years the lovely old vine at the home of Mrs. Estelle Fennel on Carter Road has been the Mecca of thousands of visitors, who come from all parts of California, and the United States, during the twelve to fourteen days of the fete. During that time various organizations in the community have sponsored the fete, but in each case they have been heartily aided by every other organization.

During the last year it was estimated that more than 50,000 visitors registered during the affair, and the Woman's Club will attempt to make this year's event surpass that record. The committee, composed of Mrs. F. L. C. Roess, Mrs. William Lees and Mrs. Milton Steinberger will have a report to make before the club members at the meeting Wednesday afternoon, according to Mrs. White.

Mrs. Fennel conferred with the committee members the latter part of last week and the preliminary plans were laid at that time.

Mission Soloists To Entertain At Arcadia Thursday

Members of the Foothill Breakfast Club are to be entertained at breakfast Thursday morning by soloists from the famous Mission Play at San Gabriel, which is soon to open its doors for the annual presentation of the John Stephen McGroarty classic.

Secretary Vose of the club announces that the membership list at the initial entrance fee is soon to be closed, after which the entrance fee into the popular club will be materially increased. Sierra Madre's quota of new members at the present fee is limited to five new members.

The shortest month on the calendar is February, and the shortest week is the one between the December 25 celebration and the January 1 bills.—Detroit News.

Mrs. H. Victor, who has recently moved from 160 San Gabriel Court to Long Beach, spent Monday with friends in Sierra Madre.

John Wright Passes Away At His Home

Sierra Madre Loses Prominent Citizen Thru Death

Funeral Services to Be Held Wednesday Afternoon At 2:30

John Wright, a well known resident of Sierra Madre for more than twenty years, passed away Monday morning at his home, 266 East Montecito. He had been seriously ill for many months, no hope being held out for his recovery. His passing removes a figure well known in the political life of Southern California for many years.

Mr. Wright, best known as "Jack", was a native of New York City where he was born in 1865. After completing his schooling he was employed as a newspaper reporter on New York papers for some time, and came to Los Angeles in 1894. As a court reporter he enjoyed a wide acquaintance among the members of the legal profession, and also became closely associated with many of the political leaders.

In 1909 Mr. Wright served as a clerk with the legislature at Sacramento. Subsequently he was secretary of the Los Angeles city and county republican committees. For some years prior to his retirement from active work he was a deputy in the office of the collector of internal revenue.

Coming to Sierra Madre to make his home, Mr. Wright took an active part in civic affairs and local politics. He was keenly interested in matters of public health and was active in securing the establishment of a municipal health department and regulatory ordinances. He also served as a member of the school board for two terms. A generous disposition and his wide range of reading were among the qualities which gave him a large circle of friends.

Mr. Wright is survived only by his wife, Mrs. Jessica H. Wright, who is pastmaster of Sierra Madre, and by his son, William B. Wright. The latter has been engaged in a large ranch enterprise near Monterey and arrived home Monday night.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 at the Church of the Ascension. The Rev. H. B. Moore will conduct the services and Dean Wm. Carson Shaw will assist. Arrangements are in charge of Ray A. Grant, funeral director.

Canyon Will Be Surveyed By Students

Men from the University of Southern California Are at Work on Project

Survey of Bailey Canyon is being made at the recent time by a group of students from the University of Southern California, under the leadership of Professor Fox, head of the engineering department, who accompanied the boys to Sierra Madre Saturday for the purpose of looking over the ground.

The unique project, as outlined to him by W. R. Humphries, caught the interest of Mr. Fox, who promised that students from his department would make the necessary survey, free of charge to the city or to the Botanical Society, under whose auspices the entire Arboretum is being worked out.

With leading men and women all over Southern California becoming daily more interested in the possibilities of the beautiful canyon, the project, started several months ago when the canyon was set aside by the city council as a public garden, gave promise of "putting Sierra Madre on the map" as nothing else can.

It is the plan of the committee to work out a garden in which all sorts of plants will represent all parts of the world, and to keep the various nooks separate. In one spot there may be a Japanese garden, in another a bit of old England, in a third corner Hawaii flora will be planted, and

MOVE TO CITY HALL JAN. 21, IS REPORT ON NEW BUILDING

City officials will move into the new city hall, Saturday, January 21, it was definitely announced today. Saturday afternoon will provide an ideal time for the moving of such furniture and equipment as will be carried into the new structure, and Sunday will give the employees time to straighten out personal effects.

Although the moving date is later than at first expected, the completed job more than repays the slight wait, according to those who have inspected the public building. Inside finishing took longer than the contractor had figured on, although the Sierra Madre Hardware company, which filled the order for hardware, had the material waiting at every stage of the game.

The work put in on the building is far in excess of the \$18,000 spent by the city and both the architect, R. M. Finlayson, and the contractor, have put painstaking effort into the finished product, a fitting administration building for a city much larger than Sierra Madre.

Kiwanis To Install New Leaders Here

Committees for Coming Year Appointed by President Webster

Club Plans for Presentation of Charter at Big Celebration

Installation of the newly elected officers was the program feature for today's luncheon meeting of the Kiwanis Club. R. T. Radford of Monrovia, past lieutenant governor of the district, was scheduled to induct Tasker M. Webster into office as president for 1928.

Plans for the charter presentation banquet on January 26 are being made by a committee consisting of Charles B. Klunk, Frank A. Spencer, Tasker M. Webster and George B. Morgridge. On this occasion it is expected 150 visiting Kiwanians and their wives will join the celebration with the local club members. International and district officers of Kiwanis will participate and there will be a splendid entertainment program.

Committee assignments for the coming year have been announced by President Webster as follows:

Agriculture, Fred Hooker Jones; attendance, R. C. Copenhaver; business standards, Chas. Klunk; classification, Orville Emley; finance, H. C. Reavis; good will and grievances, Harvey Steinberger; house, Don Hosford; inter-club relations, Frank A. Spencer; Kiwanis education, E. D. Burbank; laws and regulations, W. E. Pratt; membership, A. Russell; music, A. O. Pritchard; program, W. E. Pratt; A. Russell, Tom Tyler; public affairs, C. J. Pegler; publicity, George B. Morgridge; reception, G. I. Farman; underprivileged child, Dr. Gilbert S. Bovard; vocational guidance and placement, Dr. C. L. T. Herbert; infail collections, A. E. Pettitt; Campfire Girls, Walter C. Poehler.

C. of C. Dues Are Being Paid During January, Is Report

Chamber of Commerce dues, a large part of which are payable as of the first of the year, are coming in rapidly, according to the secretary, Gordon Brooks, and the month gives promise of being a most successful one for the civic organization. While no budget for the year has been made up, between \$1500 and \$2000 will be needed for activities, as mapped out by the new board of directors and officers. It is believed that \$500 will be turned in to the treasurer during the month of January.

It must be a great satisfaction to Mayor Thompson to know that only Americans came over in the Mayflower.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

The society hopes to make decided headway in the preliminary work during the next few months, the present survey being the first requirement.

Ask Permission to Use Money Left Over From Christmas Fund

Furniture for New Quarters to Be Bought by Men in Time for Meeting Friday; Move in Thursday

First Meeting of Volunteer Firemen in New City Hall to Be Gala Event; Ask Public Sentiment

Birthday of War President Marked At Junior High

Woodrow Wilson Junior high school was last week the scene of an interesting observance of the birthday of the war president of the United States for whom the school is named. Rev. Josiah Sibley, a boyhood friend of Mr. Wilson, was introduced by Principal McCullough, and spoke of Mr. Wilson as he knew him.

Each student of the school was advised by Dr. Sibley to adopt as a motto the words of Wilson: "I would rather fail in a cause that will some day triumph than triumph in a cause that will some day fail." Dr. Sibley said that when a problem confronted Mr. Wilson, he did not ask what was expedient, but what was right.

A handsome framed portrait of Mr. Wilson was presented to the school. The presentation was fittingly made by John Trever, representing the home room class of Miss Davis. Request was made that the portrait be hung in the school library.

In opening the session "The Star Spangled Banner" was sung by the assembly under the leadership of Miss Hunt. At the close Mr. Stickle led in the singing of America.

Jury Trial Given William McCrary

William McCrary is standing trial today on a charge of possession of liquor, discovered at his home on Sycamore Drive shortly before Christmas. Trial opened this morning at 10 o'clock and is being conducted before Dean Wm. Carson Shaw before twelve jurors, at the instance of Mr. McCrary.

At the time of his arraignment, Mr. McCrary plead not guilty to a charge of sale, and demanded a jury trial, which was in progress this morning. He was released on posting \$850 bail.

Officers of Lodge Meet This Evening

Officers of the Masonic Lodge will meet for practice in the ritual of the order tonight, according to Convers L. Twycross, master of the lodge. At the district school of instruction to be conducted soon by Grand Lecturer Thomas J. Baker, the local officers will be called upon to exemplify the work of one of the degrees. Mr. Twycross is anxious to have all the recently installed officers present tonight to begin preparation for that occasion.

Annual Dinner to Be Held Thursday

The annual dinner of the Church of the Ascension will be held Thursday evening in the parish house, and members of the Woman's Guild will serve the meal. Dinner will be served at 6:30 and the business meeting will commence at 8 o'clock. Reports for the past year will be heard, and election will be held.

RED CROSS MEETING

Notice is hereby given of the annual meeting of the Sierra Madre Chapter, Friday, January 13, 4 p. m. at the Chamber of Commerce office, to elect a board of directors for the ensuing year. Jessica Wright, Secretary.

The first unit of the city hall will be occupied Friday night, when the Volunteer Firemen will meet in the newly completed quarters. While the rest of the building is not yet finished, the wing devoted to the firemen is finished and is today being furnished with new equipment, including four davenports, a number of comfortable chairs, several tables, a gas range and rugs.

The furniture will cost several hundred dollars, some of which is now at the disposal of the firemen, but which will not be touched by them until they are given permission. The money is left over from the municipal Christmas fund, gathered by the dance and through charity donations and the firemen would like to use it for the purchasing of furniture.

Every member of the department offers his services thruout the year for the protection of property in Sierra Madre, and each man answers the fire alarm in the face of the fact that he may meet death or serious injury. He receives no salary, and should the call come in during the day time he is forced to leave his work. Yet he makes no demand on the public, except for the Christmas baskets, which the organization sponsors each year.

Over the name of W. D. Richards, chief of the department, the men are publishing a letter asking for public opinion regarding the appropriating of the balance of cash for the furniture, and setting forth the matter in the following clear form:

January 9, 1928.

To the Public in General: Each year for the past seven years there has been a small balance unexpended after filling baskets for the needy and distributing stockings to the children of Sierra Madre at Christmas time. These amounts have been placed in a separate fund on deposit in the bank and have drawn some interest.

The Volunteer Fire Department has not called on the public for assistance, either through a benefit or for donations during the past year. We have saved our practice drill money. Now, as you all know, we have our own quarters, and they must be furnished. By furnishing these quarters properly we hope to increase the efficiency of the department. A clean, comfortable place to sit and read or listen to a radio concert will help to keep the members around. No one would leave his own home to go anywhere not equally as good.

What we want to know is: May we draw on this fund, or are we entitled to it? We hesitate to take the money without first hearing from the public. If you think we are entitled to it, write us a letter to that effect. If you think we should not use this money, let us know. If no communications are received we will assume that we are entitled to it. If anyone cares to make a donation toward our furnishing fund it will be thankfully received.

Address all communications to Sierra Madre Volunteer Fire Department, City Hall.

Respectfully,
S. M. Vol. Fire Dept.,
W. D. Richards, Chief.

Nephew Visits On Way to College

Mrs. Hortense Hill enjoyed a visit Saturday from her nephew, John Peterson, a student from Oregon State College at Corvallis. He was on his way home from a college fraternity convention in New Orleans.

Jack Young, son of Mrs. Herbert Clark, returned from Chicago to spend the holidays at his home, 261 N. Adams Street. He has been in Chicago for the past six months.

ANOTHER WORLD HONOR

Award of the Bruce astronomical medal to Director Walter S. Adams of the Carnegie Solar Observatory on Mount Wilson again draws attention to the pre-eminence of the great institution on the mountain top above Sierra Madre. Mount Wilson Observatory is great not only because it has the largest telescopes in the world, but also because of the scientific leadership of the men who compose its staff.

The Catherine Wolfe Bruce medal is given annually to the person contributing the most distinguished service to astronomy during the year. The recipient is chosen by vote of six of the leading observatories of the world. Dr. Adams is accorded the honor for the year 1927 and the medal will be presented to him within a short time.

Dr. Adams has been with the Mount Wilson Observatory for many years. He was assistant to Dr. George Ellery Hale, its presiding genius from the beginning and now director emeritus. He has been in active charge since Dr. Hale's retirement from active work. Dr. Hale was the recipient of the Bruce medal several years ago.

To receive the Bruce medal at once classifies an astronomer with an illustrious company. Since it was established in 1897, the medal has been awarded to Simon Newcomb, Giovanni Schiaparelli, Edward C. Pickering, Jacobus C. Kapteyn, W. W. Campbell, Edward Emerson Barnard, Henry Norris Russell and others who are world famous. It is a pleasure to see the honor come to a quiet, unassuming man such as Dr. Adams.

Time was when Mount Wilson was generally considered as in the private mountain domain of Sierra Madre. All travel to the mountain top went over the old saddle trail which starts here. Even after the automobile road was established, primarily for the hauling of machinery and building material for the observatory, there were many who regarded the old trail with a feeling of familiar affection and would not deign to use the toll road. But with the multiplication of the number of cars which could make the grade and the craze to save time, the bulk of the regular travel to and from the mountain top was diverted from Sierra Madre. So the close relations which used to exist between this city and the Mount Wilson Hotel and observatory have gradually grown less intimate. Pasadena has the laboratories and the resident staff whose presence on the mountain top is not required continuously, so the observatory is associated more closely with Pasadena than with Sierra Madre. Never-the-less, the observatory is located on our mountain and we are proud of it and of its director.

POOR OLD DOC COOK

Dr. Frederick A. Cook, who did not discover the North Pole, has just struck another streak of hard luck. His parole from the federal prison where he was serving a sentence of fourteen years for using the mails for fraudulent purposes, was the other day annulled by the supreme court, which decided that the parole board had no authority to issue a parole. He must go back and serve the remainder of his term. Dr. Cook has shown himself to be much of a crook, but there is no denying the fact that he did many things that helped others finally to reach the North Pole. His case is an

History, generally speaking, is divided into three classes—ancient, modern, and Chicago.—Indianapolis News.

Henna Packs

and

Henna Foam

SHAMPOOS

lighten up the hair

wonderfully.

Try them!

WISTARIA

BEAUTY

SHOPPE

Mrs. V. S. Vaupel

Green 194 38 N. Baldwin

instance of a capable fellow prostituting his native ability.

COOPER TIRED OF POLITICS

(Hemet News)

William John Cooper, state superintendent of public instruction, will soon resign his position to return to his old post as city superintendent of schools at San Diego, according to a well-authenticated rumor.

It has been known for some time that Mr. Cooper is disgusted with politics, and unfortunately politics has for years laid its devastating hand on the schools of California. Many inferior men have been elevated to high place and often able men have been given no opportunity for advancement because of the willingness or unwillingness to "bend the pregnant knee."

Politics has a better opportunity than ever since the non-professional state board of education was abolished by the last legislature. Under the new law members of this board may be either professional or non-professional, but it is always the case that the professional members of the board largely control its activities, and the taxpayer has little chance for consideration.

If Cooper resigns there is a strong likelihood that Governor Young will appoint Mark Keppel of Los Angeles to the vacancy. Keppel was one of the powers behind the throne in the Will C. Wood days, and it is generally believed that both Wood and Keppel were more interested in the political angle of school matters than they were concerned with the interest of either the pupil or the taxpayer.

WHO PAYS?

(Temple Times)

The popular demand for making taxes light on the little fellow and "soaking" the corporations is a sad commentary on the popular intelligence. Suppose we do soak the corporations; what do they do but charge it up to the cost of doing business and pass it on to the consumer of their products or the patrons of their service? The little fellow pays it in the end, with interest and profit added. As we have said in this column repeatedly, the inheritance tax is the only one that can't be passed on to the producers—and the great financier at the head of the treasury wants to abolish that.

Judge Not By Appearance

(San Bernardino Telegram)

One of the sayings that have become quite popular of late is to the effect that the flapper, though fair to look upon, is really quite dumb. The modern youth of the feminine variety has come to be regarded as a person who probably had to go through "that foolish stage" where her mind turns to wild garments, a rouged face, lipstick and all that.

Sometimes this is true, sometimes not. An Arkansas City flapper of the high school type showed the other day that even a girl who uses rouge and lipstick can think quickly and act in a crisis.

A six-year old fell into a lake near the town. The flapper was the only witness. She saw some men at a distance and shouted to them, but they did not hear. Stripping off her coat, she plunged in and managed to bring the boy to shore.

Now, what to do with an unconscious boy, whose lungs were filled with water. The girl knew. Without help from anyone, she applied the first aid knowledge of which she had read casually in the newspapers. She pumped the young man's lungs dry and kept pumping until he breathed again.

To all appearances this little lady was one of those modern, pretty but dumb, sweet but unintelligent flappers whose thoughts are concerned mainly with discolored their faces and marcelling their hair.

Reservations

By J. R. E.

If Governor Young should ask the writer of this column (which he won't) for advice as to the best way to start the new year, he would be advised to tie the hardware to the parole board, and keep the office vacant. Not only has the parole board committed plenty of errors in attempting to perform its duty, but it is becoming more and more certain that there is no way to properly supervise paroled convicts. The cases of McClelland and Hickman are evidence enough that the system is fundamentally wrong, and if more proof is needed, it can easily be secured.

In the beginning of this government of ours, the United Colonies were administered according to the old common law of England, and these laws guarantee simple justice to both criminals and civil litigants. As the nation grew, the people, apparently awed by the clever speeches of members of the bar, began to send more and more lawyers to the legislature, until at the present time all of our law-making bodies are dominated by lawyers, who not only make the laws but are retained by criminals and civil litigants alike to interpret them. Small wonder that the system has reached a point where the lawyers themselves are bewildered at the multiplicity of laws and rules of practice.

England is still using safe and sane laws, and justice is still reasonably sure. Almost all murderers in England are captured, tried and executed. In the United States, a negligible per centage of murders are caught. A still smaller per cent is convicted and the number of murders that pay the penalty for their crimes is so small as to almost reach the vanishing point.

And now there seems a possibility that the defendant in the world's most heinous crime may be released after a year in the "nut hut."

And after that he'll probably get an offer of \$5,000 a week to tour a vaudeville circuit.

But don't lose faith in humanity! There are lots of fine folks left. Rounded the curve on Los Feliz and Western, going into Hollywood the other night and there was a whole family engaged in doing a real service in behalf of passing motorists. Papa, in his dinner coat, was directing traffic to the left side of the street, while mamma, son and daughter manned the brooms and were sweeping up the broken glass left by a recent collision. There was a sample of unselfish thoughtfulness. Was actually so surprised we forgot to thank 'em.

And at the Hollywood Playhouse we found a human being in charge of the ticket office. How often, oh, how often! have we wished to get our hands around the throat of one of those supercilious individuals who act as if they were temporarily condescending to step down from a kingly throne to sell folks tickets to "the show." The Playhouse ticket salesman gave us our tickets with a smile, answered our queries smilingly and gave us the first glow we've picked up at a ticket window in California. May his tribe increase!

The Hollywood Community Playhouse is showing Morosco's "The Morning After," a tuneful operetta which seemed to please mightily most of those in attendance. The Playhouse is a thing of beauty and a restful place to spend an evening.

Dropped into KNX. Pretty soon

along came an elderly lady audibly chewing peppermint lozenges. Certainly spoiled the broadcast for us.

Turned if it wasn't worse than the deceased cigar held tenderly by the fat man just back of us.

And at the theatre we sat in front of a guy with halitosis.

Why don't someone tell 'em?

Sat in a barber shop the other day while a couple of young ladies were getting "bobbed." And every time the barbers tried to get a word in edgewise I just laughed and laughed and laughed. It's a long worm that has no turning.

By the way, a hobbler shop is just about as good a news medium as a newspaper. Heard a new one while waiting for a scrape: It was to the effect that a radio station had been sold because of too much activity in interfering with a broadcast from another station last year. It was either sell out or get off the air, according to the "dope." And so that's why the lads and lassies of Radioland have been going without their "ha-ha" bed time stories.

Mae Murray claims she bought a house at twice its value because she was influenced by music. Somebody please page the musician and find out what tune he was playing.

Doug Fairbanks got the first Ford sold; and he was the last guy that needed it.

News

Wantads

are not guaranteed to sell fur coats or blast furnaces in Sierra Madre, but they are recommended to assist in the disposal of unneeded articles of furniture, or the thousand and one articles once useful about your home but perhaps now idle.

Someone is looking for the article you no longer need; someone has for sale an object that would save you money. News Wantads are intended to get buyer and seller together.

The Home Secretary decides that plays forbidden in the theatres may be given in the homes of England, and thus is there added another to the influences tending to a revival of home life. —Boston Transcript.

Doubtless the king of Italy reflects at times that he might as well be the husband of a famous woman flyer. —Wheeling Intelligencer.

The enthusiastic citizens of Atlanta have given Bobby Jones a

\$50,000 house. But why an inveterate golfer needs a house nobody explains. —New Yorker.

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Society and Personal

Sierra Madre Table at State Luncheon—

Sierra Madre will have a table at the luncheon being arranged for Governor Young at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles, on Thursday, January 19, it was announced today by Mrs. W. J. Lawless, who is taking reservations in this city. The affair is to be held in the ball room of the hotel, and the Los Angeles League of Woman Voters, a non-partisan organization for the promotion of interest in government among women citizens, is sponsoring it. Other women, particularly those interested in the reorganization of state government, especially as affecting the schools and the handling of criminals and defectives, will also be present.

Representatives of the Parent Teachers' Association and of the Federated Women's Clubs are co-operating with the League of Women Voters to make the affair a success, and Mrs. Lawless will take reservations from Sierra Madre women at \$1.75 per plate. It is expected that the local table will be filled, especially as the reorganization of the school board so vitally affects the Parent-Teachers' Association, which is especially active here.

Governor Young will give an accounting of his stewardship in the first year of his administration in the address, and proposed legislation also will be discussed. The working of the new cabinet system will be described. Under the new arrangement the heads of the departments meet with Governor Young and citizens and press representatives are present. Business of the state is thus given considerable publicity.

Besides the governor, many Los Angeles county and city men and women connected with the state board will be present and will speak. Some of the new appointees are: H. W. O'Melveny and Major Burnham to the state park board; Mrs. Wallace of Alhambra and Mrs. Joseph Timmonds of Los Angeles and Mrs. Buwalda of Pasadena on the Woman's Social Welfare board, of which Assemblywoman Anna Saylor of Berkeley is chairman; W. A. Johnstone of San Dimas, head of the Civil Service board; Carl A. Jensen, director of state institutions; W. J. Carr of the state railroad commission; Dr. John R. Haynes and W. J. Carr on the tax revision committee; J. W. Barneson of San Diego, state real estate commission; William John Cooper, San Diego, state superintendent of schools, and Mrs. Arthur S. Heineman, board of education.

Club Women Attend Arcadia Affair—

Mrs. Fletcher White, president of the Sierra Madre Woman's Club, accompanied by Mrs. F. L. C. Roess and Mrs. William Lees attended the meeting of the Arcadia Woman's Club last Wednesday, as special guests of the president of that organization, Mrs. White.

Mrs. Fletcher White, in response to the welcome accorded the local women by the Arcadia president, invited the hostess club to attend meetings here.

Mab Copeland Lineman L.L.B., in charge of the business and protective law section of the Federation, was the principal speaker and great interest in that phase of club instruction was manifested following her cleverly presented address.

The speaker holds classes of instruction in business law at the public library, corner of Fifth and Hope, in Los Angeles the third Wednesday in each month, and leaders of sections in all of the Los Angeles county clubs are expected to attend, as well as any other women who are interested in legal matters. Mrs. Lineman contends that hundreds of women who are forced to handle their own investments and financial affairs are swindled out of their capital simply thru ignorance of the law, and she is attempting to help these women to a clearer

understanding of conditions.

Most of the clubs have organized such a section, and the Sierra Madre organization may follow suit, providing a suitable leader can be found. Besides the Wednesday classes each month, there are weekly radio lectures by Mrs. Lineman, which would help leaders of the sections.

Non-Members Invited to Club Lecture—

While the luncheon, to be given Wednesday at the Women's club, is open to members only, the lecture, "The Great American Desert" by Roy Burnham Buttolph is open to the general public, and non-members are invited to attend. The lecture, which will be an illustrated travelogue, comes from an authority who has spent ten years of his life in almost inaccessible desert spots, and whose pictures of those places are most unusual. They have been colored by a well-known artist and are most beautiful, as well as educational.

The luncheon speaker will be Mrs. Charles Gordon, whose topic is "Rock Gardens and Sedums". Mrs. Gordon is chairman of the home gardens division of the federation and her message will be particularly timely, as the plant season is fast approaching.

Luncheon is at 12:30, and an especial treat is promised in the tamale pie which will be made by Mrs. J. F. Sadler. Mrs. R. M. Finlayson is in charge of the luncheon, and reservations have been made with Mrs. J. C. Dickson.

An important piece of business which must be discussed before the lecture at 2:30 is the wistaria fete, which will be sponsored by the Woman's Club this year.

Surprise Dinner Is Given at Roe Home—

One of the jolliest of last week's events was the surprise birthday dinner arranged by Mrs. William Roe in honor of her husband Saturday evening, January 7, at their home. Friends arrived early in the evening to help celebrate the occasion, the party being a complete surprise to Mr. Roe.

Holiday decorations were used on the prettily appointed table, at which a large number of guests were served the bountiful turkey dinner prepared by Mrs. Roe. Following dinner 500 was played, Victor Hill receiving the prize for high score.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. F. Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Young, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hill, Mrs. Oliver McClosky of Sierra Madre, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Fallon, Mrs. G. Allen, Mrs. K. Roe of Los Angeles, Mr. and Mrs. E. Van Curen of Saugus, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Byrnes, Mrs. Clara Kreitzer and John Wessel of Chicago.

Luncheon Given as a Farewell Courtesy—

Miniature red candle sticks and small poinsettias, corresponding to the decorative piece in the center of the perfectly-appointed table, were used as individual favors and markers for the guests at the luncheon given Thursday at the home of Mrs. Waverly Pratt. Mrs. Leonard Wammock, who is soon to move to Bakersfield, was the guest of honor, the affair being arranged as a farewell courtesy for her.

Following luncheon games were played and a delightful social afternoon spent. Among those present were Mrs. Wammock, Mrs. J. R. Evans, Mrs. Gordon Brooks, Mrs. Augusta Coats, Mrs. Boyd Keith, Mrs. E. P. Bradford and the hostess, Mrs. Pratt.

Mrs. Wammock was presented with a lovely bon bon dish by which to remember those present. Mrs. Wesley Keough of Pasadena, accompanied by her four-months old son, and her mother, Mrs. C. F. Stanley of Encinitas, spent Monday visiting friends in Sierra Madre. While here they called on Mrs. Ralph Lord.

Return from Trip to Santa Barbara—

Mr. and Mrs. Nestor A. Young Jr., returned Sunday evening from Santa Barbara where they have been spending the past week. They motored north New Year's day, arriving in time to spend Monday at the Santa Ynez Mission and to drive over the Gavioti Pass.

Although the trip was made in connection with Mr. Young's business, a number of drives were taken thru the lovely surrounding country. On the way north Mr. and Mrs. Young stopped at the Ventura Mission, the last one built by Father Junipero Serra. On the return trip they again stopped at Ventura, where Mr. Young was interested in the museum exhibit at the court house. Mr. Young is a collector of Indian relics, and the many relics in the court house at Ventura delighted him.

Woman's Guild Plans Annual Dinner—

Plans for the annual dinner of the Church of the Ascension were made Friday at the meeting of the Guild, and the following committees were appointed by Miss Lydia Webster, president: Dinner, Mrs. T. M. Webster, Mrs. W. C. Shaw, Mrs. Fred Griebenow, Mrs. Bradley Metcalf, Mrs. J. N. Hawks and Miss Lydia Webster; tables and decorations, Mrs. H. B. Moore and Mrs. C. L. Drake.

The dinner will be held at 6:30 Thursday evening, January 12 and will be followed by the annual meeting of the church at 8 o'clock. Reports for the past year and election of new board members will be the order of business.

Senior Girls to Meet Friday the Thirteenth—

Announcement is made of the meeting of the senior division of the Girl Reserves at the home of the president, Miss Josephine Hare, 297 West Highland Avenue, Friday evening, January 13, at 7 o'clock. Work for the coming year will be mapped out, and a full attendance is requested.

Informal Dinner Party Given—

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Keith presided over a prettily appointed dinner party Wednesday evening of last week, when they entertained Mr. and Mrs. Ben Needham of Glendora. Mr. and Mrs. Needham are well known in Sierra Madre, where they visit often.

Birthday Dinner for Junior Hartman—

Because he was eight years old Sunday, Junior Hartman was the guest of honor at a dinner party given for cousins and a few friends at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Hartman. The fourteen children were seated at the early table, with Junior presiding, while his aunt, Mrs. Harold Pegler, was guest of honor at the later table, when her birthday was celebrated by the "grown-ups."

The children's table was centered with a low bowl of sweet peas, while other early spring motifs were used. Individual favors were bon bon baskets in the pastel shades, and the piece de resistance was the large pink and white birthday cake, with its lighted candles.

Places were marked for Leota, Jane and Blake Manning, Edwin and Preston Evans, Betty Ann and Maryellen Tartar, Warren and Marena Preston, Barbara and Jack Pegler, and Junior and Robert Hartman.

Guests at the later dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pegler, Mr. C. L. Tartar, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Evans and the host and hostess.

Card Party at St. Rita's Church—

The usual good time is being looked forward to at the card party to be given this evening at St. Rita's church by women of the Altar Society. There will be numerous prizes, both for bridge and 500, and at the close of the evening supper will be served.

Art Section to Study Poetry—

Chinese poetry will be studied from an artistic standpoint, by the members of the art section of the Woman's Club, when they meet under the leadership of Miss Harriet Grant at the clubhouse this afternoon.

This is the first gathering of the section since the first of December, when they were supposed to have had a picnic trip to Los Angeles parks. Plans at that time were spoiled by the weather.

J. T. Rallsbach, Sr., has purchased a bungalow on East Central and will take possession immediately.

Herbert Clark, who was operated upon three weeks ago for the removal of his appendix, is now confined to the White hospital in Los Angeles, suffering with pneumonia. He is gradually recovering, however, according to Mrs. Clark.



BUYING OUR PHOSPHORUS

By Rama V. Bennett, Nutritionist, Los Angeles County Public Health Association.

The daily quantity need of phosphorus is greater for both child and adult than any other mineral. Although found in a great variety of foods, the family can suffer from a shortage of phosphorus if it indulges in too many sweets, fats and refined cereals.

An abundant supply of whole grain products, especially wheat and oats must be provided. For phosphorus supply, cheese is the cheapest, but not desired in great quantities. Milk is almost as good a source of phosphorus as of calcium and it can be used in far greater quantities than cheese.

Eggs, especially the yolk, are a good phosphorus food; but they are not in the everyday price of low cost food budgets. Fish, especially cod and haddock, are fairly cheap phosphorus foods; oysters are good but too expensive, except for liberal diets. The cheap lean cuts of meat give far better phosphorus values than the more prized tender fat cuts.

Children need phosphorus as much as calcium for growing bones. If their food is phosphorus poor they are likely to suffer from the most common types of rickets, the "low-phosphorus rickets." A child allowed to eat freely of "just what he likes" is running the grave risk of not getting his necessary bone-growing foods. Children and adults need phosphorus in every tiny cell of body tissue. Phosphorus helps to regulate the acids and the bases in the blood. Without phosphorus to assist in burning up the starches and sugars in the body, neither child nor adult could play or work up to par. Wasting illnesses call for special aid from phosphorus.

Every day buy liberally the cheap foods rich in this essential mineral for the health of a growing family.—Christmas Seal Series.

Weather Men Keep Growers Posted Daily

The United States Department of Agriculture Weather Bureau and radio station KHJ, Don Lee, are again cooperating this winter in broadcasting local minimum temperature forecasts for the citrus growing districts. This measure to further safeguard California citrus growers against frost damage is broadcasted nightly by KHJ between 7:55 and 8:00 P.M.

Local forecasts are received by telephone each evening by Floyd Young, government meteorologist at Pomona, and he in turn phones the information to the radio station. Local weather bureau men cooperating with Mr. Young in this frost protection work are George V. Sager, Corona and Riverside; Albert W. Cook, Redlands; Roy J. Rogers, Upland; Claude A. Cole, Azusa; Harold A. Rathbone, Whittier; Eckley S. Ellison, Santa Paula; Delbert M. Little, Lindsay. The names of these men with their addresses and telephone numbers have been sent to all exchange associations and district exchange offices by the Fruit Growers Supply Company and growers are undoubtedly using this valuable service.

For the information of growers who may wish to get in touch with their local forecaster, he may be reached as follows: Claude A. Cole, P. O. Box 21, Azusa; phone 39-551.

Metropolitan Play Will Be Presented At Pasadena Soon

Reversing the verdict of New York is one of the popular pastimes of little theatres throughout the country. Recently in Pasadena the Community Players made a conspicuous success of "Yellow Sands," which was a failure in Manhattan. Which is one reason why they are putting on Philip Barry's "White Wings," the most illustrious theatrical failure of recent years.

"White Wings" will play the customary two weeks, twelve performances, including two Saturday matinees, beginning Tuesday evening, January 10 and ending Saturday evening the 21st. There will be no performances Sunday or Monday, January 15 and 16.

"Europe hates the United States only in spots," reports Representative Theodore Burton. Just the way Republican prosperity loves the United States.—New York Evening World.

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Children Lose During Weeks Spent Home

Scales Show Falling Off in Weight of Pupils at Grammar School

Just why vacation time should prove a detriment to the health of children is a mystery too deep for the childish mind to grasp, but the fact is supported by the scales on which Mrs. Barker is weighing pupils at the grammar school.

The school nurse, whose task it is to weigh the children once a month, report that she has found nearly every child to have fallen off in weight during the Christmas holidays, proving a contention made before. She states that during the summer vacation the dropping off in weight is even more noticeable than in the two weeks' mid-winter holiday, and lays the fact to too much strenuous play and too little attention to balanced diet.

During the next few weeks she will turn her energy toward the building up of weight on the children, and will be helped in her work by the distribution of free milk, and the meals served in the cafeteria each day at noon. She advises the patronage of the children at the cafeteria, where they get nourishing food at a cost lower than the cold lunch put up at home.

New Problem for Henry

Wanted: Man with car that can speak Spanish for collector.—San Antonio Express.

They Do Get Hot

The chief is inclined to believe that a crossed wire might be the cause of the fire.—Scranton Times.

Ki-Yi-Yi!

Cyriacks averred he fider at the ground to scare some drunken men in a car and the shot struck the dog in the back seat.—Los Angeles Times.

Who put the OK in Oklahoma?—Albany Knickerbocker Press.

What Is Home Without a Spook? "Bingham-Maley Mortuary Co. The earliest established firm in Daytonia Beach. Prompt and personal service. Berlin shades our specialty. We put the Shade in Your Home."—Florida paper.

It's a Fact!

Science Teacher: "Name some liquid that won't freeze." Bright Pupil: "Hot Water."—London Answers.

Simple Recipe

"Do you know how to make a peach cordial?" "Sure! Send her some candy."—Ohio State Sun Dial.

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Now and then a candidate bobs up who can only be described as his own favorite son.—Detroit News.

Scientists in Siberia have discovered an elephant that has been petrified for 40,000 years, and we can't help wishing that the people in the apartment above ours would trade their pair for this one.—Detroit News.

In the Melting Pot "Next!" "Who, me?" "Born?" "Yes, sir." "Where?" "Russia." "What part?" "All of me." "Why did you leave Russia?" "I couldn't bring it with me." "Where were your forefathers born?" "I only got one father." "Your business?" "Rotten!" "Where is Washington?" "He's dead." "I mean the capital of the United States?" "They loaned it all to Europe." "Now, do you promise to support the Constitution?" "Me? How can I? I've got a wife and six children to support."—Open Road.

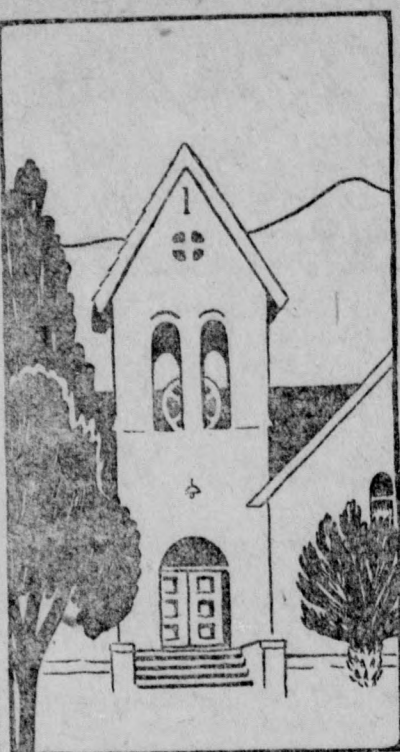
Buy a Rattle Dealer (rushing into the newspaper office): "See here, you've published an announcement of my death by mistake. That's got to be fixed up somehow!"

Editor: "Well, we never contradict anything we have published, but I'll tell you what I'll do. I'll put you in the births column tomorrow and give you a fresh start."—Good Hardware.

We'd Call It Demotion Vermer C. Hanna, son of H. M. Hanna, of this city, has been promoted from superintendent of brides on the Montgomery Division.—Hattiesburg (Miss.) Star.

And the Hearse To every person comes his day. So calmly wait your chance. Pedestrians have the right of way When in the ambulance.—Boston Transcript.

Meets the Leisured Class North: "Don't you agree that speed is the curse of America?" West: "No, I can't say I do. I'm an installment collector."—Life.



Unusual interest attaches to the picture presented herewith, from the standpoint of Sierra Madre history. The drawing will be readily recognized as the tower of the old Congregational Church building, which has been a landmark for forty years. It was executed by Miss Ella Shepard Bush, well known artist, and was used on the program of the Christmas service. Inasmuch as the building will be vacated by the congregation upon completion of the new building which is rising rapidly across the street, the following poem by the pastor, Rev. A. O. Pritchard, is apropos:

Ring out, old bell, o'er hill and dale
The Angel's song, the shepherd's tale,
Near forty years thy faithful tongue
Has told the news to everyone;
Ring out again, the glad refrain,
That Christ is born in Bethlehem.

Soon other tongues will tell the tale,
But thou thy message never fail,
When other bells thru ages long
Repeat for men the Angel's song,
Their chime will be the fuller tone
Of thy glad note so long, so lone.

Each age repeats the message new,
Each age gives way like morning dew;
And greater songs of joy and peace
Adown the ages find increase,
Because you sang the glad refrain,
That Christ is born in Bethlehem.

Damaged Goods
Hamburger Store—5c; for sale; wife hurt in auto wreck; will sell cheap if taken soon.—Kansas City Times.

Huge Sum to Be Spent On Local Lights

Edison Company Makes Big Appropriation for This District

Service of Lighting Company To Be Increased by Improvements

"Three hundred thousand dollars is to be spent during 1928 by the Southern California Edison company for extension and re-inforcement of the electric distributing system in the Monrovia district, of which Sierra Madre is a unit," said District Manager Fred Schwartz today, upon receipt of information from H. H. Ballard, executive vice president and general manager of the company, advising him that his recommendations for appropriation had been approved.

"In addition to this sum, which is to be spent for actual construction work in this district, Monrovia's proportion for generation and transmission equipment will amount to \$495,600," explained Mr. Schwartz, "making a total in excess of \$775,000 to be spent by the Edison company to provide adequate electric service for our territory. This is part of the total construction budget of \$32,091,000 to be spent by the company during 1928."

The Monrovia district includes the towns of Arcadia, Sierra Madre, Temple, Duarte, South Santa Anita and the intervening territory. The business in this district shows a substantial increase, which justifies this generous appropriation to keep pace with the additions which the company always makes to provide for present and future demands for service.

When Boys Were Boys

Little Arthur was getting ready to go to the zoo. "I want some sugar," he said. "I can have lots of fun with a bag of lumpsugar and the elephants."

"When I was your age," remarked his father, "I could have a heap of fun with a bag of lump sugar without any elephants."—Boston Transcript.

Interesting News Notes from Sierra Madre Canyon

At the regular meeting of the Canyon Improvement Association on Thursday, January 5, Canyon roads furnished the main topic of business for the evening. Replying to a letter from the association asking that drains be kept open on main roads, City Clerk Dietz reported that the matter had been referred to Street Superintendent Carpenter who suggested that the work be postponed until after trucking to the dam was finished, as trucks would push the dirt back into ditches which had been opened.

Regarding the request of the organization for protection of birds and squirrels in Sierra Madre, W. D. Richards reported that the City Trustees at their last meeting had authorized the city attorney to bring in an ordinance covering sling-shots and air-rifles now being used by boys in killing birds.

A report from the old road easement committee consisting of Messrs. Scott, Croxson, Wheeler and Messrs. Bradford, Richards, Heasley, Schialos and Hall, brought out the fact that several members had either left town or had become inactive. A motion was made by Mr. Richards asking that a new committee be appointed and that efforts be renewed to acquire all easements necessary to the road project. J. R. Thompson asked Messrs. Heasley, Richards, Schialos, Morris, Anderson, Davis, and

Mmes. Scott, Heasley and Nash and Miss Cadmus to serve. It was pointed out that approximately fifty easements would be required. Mr. Thompson announced to the association that in an interview with Chief Engineer E. C. Eaton of the county flood control commission, Mr. Eaton had again assured him that despite persistent rumors to the contrary and uneasiness evidenced by many property owners, work of walling the stream channel would be carried through to the dam.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Maycock and Mr. and Mrs. Earl J. Maycock and children, Devaun and Cameron, of 454 South El Molino, Pasadena, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin F. Davis at their cottage, "Bridge Inn," on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Collins and son of Huntington Park were guests at Cadmus Villa on Sunday afternoon. Mr. Collins is well known by residents as the engineer of the Los Angeles county flood control commission survey for the dam and stream channel.

Mr. and Mrs. Steven Petsel entertained Mr. and Mrs. Mat Kile and daughter Gwendolyn of Long Beach, on Sunday at their home on Woodland Drive and Sturtevant Road.

A Bit of Nonsense

Meet the Missus

Only a few autos have rumble seats, but most every one has a grumble seat.—Buffalo News.

Usual Effect of Being Lit Up
Definite announcement was made that the Missouri Pacific depot will be eliminated with colored lights.—Austin Statesman.

Cruel Shock

"Suspicious package found in Mayor Thompson's mail."—Headline. Maybe it's a monocle!—New York Sun.

No Wonder

Wahpeton, N. D.—Hans Langseth, aged 82, is dead after letting his beard go uncut since 1775. It was 17 feet long!—De Land (Fla.) News.

Model Jane

Both beautiful and dumb
My own true love must be;
Beautiful, so I'll love her—
And dumb, so she'll love me.
—Life.

Filling Diet

Every one could have whatever they liked to eat in the way of ice cream cones, hamburgers, soda pop, rubber balls and balloons for the children.—Palacios (Texas) Tribune.

A contest was held to determine classification, botanical and common names of the flowers, with Mrs. Wm. Darrow winning the highest score. A copy of 'Mildred's House Plants' was awarded as the prize.—Dayton Evening Herald.

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WORK WANTED

PRACTICAL Nurse, good housekeeper, would like situation. Black 41. p15*p16a

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GARDENING, monthly rates. L. Zeller. Black 28. n11*tf

WOMAN wants general housework, 50c per hour. 36 East Central. P8*tf

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RENTALS

5-ROOM cottage, furnished. 47 W. Grandview, \$50. See any agent. Robert Mitchell, owner. I. W. Hellman Bldg., Los Angeles. p15*p16d

FOR RENT: 5-room unfurnished house, \$40. 330 W. Grandview. Key at 313 N. Lima. n14*16d

BELLA VISTA TERRACE: 3 & 4-rm apts., large rooms, lovely grounds. Reas., \$45 & up. 23*tf

THE HAYDN GARDENS: 385-389 N. Baldwin Ave. Bungalows for rent; new and beautifully furnished. Phone Red 28. 37*tf

FOR RENT: 2-rm. furn. apartment, also furn. south room, either \$15 per mo. 161 N. Auburn Avenue. 4*tf

WANTED: From 3 to 10 acres located near the foothills, between Sierra Madre and Monrovia. Have cash buyers waiting. See CAPROLL REALTY CO., Aztec Hotel, Monrovia. Tel. Green 284. p12*tfk

SMALL Cottage. Black 19. 13*tf

FOR SALE

Miscellaneous

CHILD'S bed and high chair; library table. 747 East Grandview. Green 225. p15*p16e

1923 Reo Sedan, run 13,000 miles. A-1 condition; \$500. 602 Mariposa Street. n13*n15

CANDIED figs with walnuts and assorted candied fruits; attractive boxes packed on order. Place Xmas orders early. The Leah Fletcher Gardens, 634 W. Highland. Black 91. N6*tf

FENCING: We erect and sell material for all types of fencing. Crown Fence Co., 890 S. Broadway, Pasadena; Tel. Terrace 9965. 4t

FOR SALE: Pure extracted honey, candied or liquid, 2 1/2 lbs. 55c, 5 lbs. \$1. Free delivery. H. Davenas, 345 North Adams, Phone Black 254. 2*tf

DRY FERTILIZER \$4 load; fresh fertilizer \$3.50 load, delivered. Phone Main 242. 1*tf

FERTILIZER: Pulverized cow manure for lawns and shrubbery. \$1 per bag, delivered. Ward Nursery. Blue 29. 37*tf

CORONA Typewriter, like new, standard shift. Bargain. Inquire at News Office, Phone Main 260. n9*tf

ROOMS—BOARD

BOARD and room in private family, no sickness. 271 No. Lima. Black 222. p10*tf

ROOMS and Board. Black 19. 13*tf

Miscellaneous

WANT clear lots or acreage in exchange for \$4968 contract, was \$9638. Pays \$100 mo. Builder, 1436 Allison, Los Angeles. n14*17k

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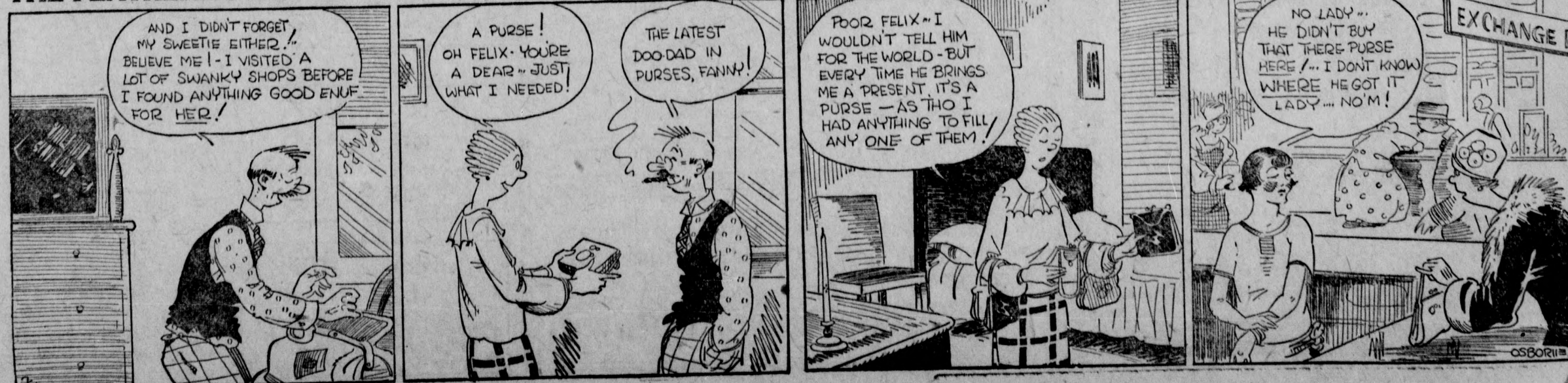
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